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1. The following is a tabulation of inland navigation vessels available in East Germany as of May 1953:

	Barges		Tugs		Self-Propelled Vessels	
	Number	Tons	Number	HP	Number	Tons
Operational	16701	649181	256	38470	1894	30115
At shipyards	228	95532	71	15227	25	4536
Employed as coal and storage barges	21	8475	-	-	5	189
West fleet	1181	36874	59	5705	297	4751
Waterways office	38	6206	16	1730	7	389
Under self-repair	211	2130	4	270	17	1425
Not operational	93	32647	58	9577	15	1195
Total	2169	829025	460	70709	277	42600

2. A total of 1,550 barges with 616,900 tons, 180 tugs with 28,800 HP and 122 self-propelled vessels with 28,100 tons were employed in May 1953. The total of private-owned vessels included 54.8 percent of the barges, 61.5 percent of the tugs, and 73.3 percent of the self-propelled vessels in May 1953. The nationalized fleet included 45.2 percent of the barges, 38.5 percent of the tugs, and 26.7 percent of the self-propelled vessels. Private-owned tonnage included 49.0 percent of the barges, 42.7 percent of the tugs, and 64.3 percent of the self-propelled vessels.

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1. Comment. The vessels listed as west fleet probably are vessels which escaped to West Berlin and/or Western Germany.

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